

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 3, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday March 3, 2020, starting at St. Joseph's Church at 213 W Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

The tour of St. Joseph Parish started at 4:00 pm.

Commission members present: Mike Bultinck, Terry DeMaegd, David Eisen, Jennifer Johns, Shirley McAlister, Nancy Seidler, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members present: Alan Grzeskowiak, Tom Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill, Mayor Wood

Public: Ruth Pavich, Mary Beth Torma, Pete DeKever. Several members of the St. Joseph Parish attended the tour at the church's invitation.

Leading the tour were Greg Wulle, Archivist, Father Chris Lapp and Jerome Cole, Director of Sacred Music.

The congregation started in 1848 and had a couple of other locations before this one. The building started construction in 1891 and finished in 1893. The first window on the east side of the building was displayed at the 1893 World's Fair, and was actually not there when the building was dedicated. The pews are original, carved by a woodworker whose shop was located where the school's playground is now. The side alters are original, but the center alter was new in 1912, donated anonymously by Adolph Kamm. It was struck by lightning in 1999, which is why the very top of the steeple is black and not patinaed.

Jerome Cole explained how the organ was originally wood, but has been changed over the years, making it a hybrid. He played some music to show the difference.

The tour continued to the rectory, built in 1908, which also, until recently contained the church's office. Originally built as a single family home in 1873, Mrs. Agnes Phillips opened her home to the nuns, provided she could continue to live there until she died. When the school opened, teaching nuns joined the nursing nuns. In 2006, when there were no more nuns, the convent building was converted to offices, classrooms, and even a small food bank.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm in the teacher's lounge at the St. Joseph School.

A motion by Mike Bultinck, seconded by Kate Voelker, approved the minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Districts/Plaques

No update.

B. Public Relations & Community Education

No report.

C. Staff Notes

Christa Hill received an email from Hampton Public Library in New Hampshire with a request to put add a Home Advisor article to our links section. The consensus was this was fishy, because Home Advisor is a pay site, we would not put it up. But perhaps we could ask Todd Zeiger with Indiana Landmarks for a better source with similar information.

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OLD BUSINESS

De-designation Ordinance

The new corporation counsel, Pat Hinkle, reviewed the draft. We will set it for public hearing in April.

Normain Heights Conservation

The final votes are 175 NO, 29 YES. This is 64% return. We learned our lesson that if we want ballots returned to send a self addressed stamped envelope. One day, we received 30 ballots back.

Edgewater Drive Historic District Committee

The neighborhood meeting was met with some push back. After meeting with the committee again, we removed all landscaping and paving requirements. First, there were a lot of questions about the landscaping. Second, these things don't require a permit, so the COAs would likely come after the fact. A couple more people want to be excluded. After we made these changes, another neighbor provided very specific changes, including some things that had already been changed and a couple things, like time provided for legal notification, could not be changed. Christa Hill will provide answers, but let Doug reach out. The changes will be sent to the committee to distribute to the neighborhood.

Bethel University

Alan Grzeskowiak is still working with archives Bethel for wording on the markers. They are currently on Spring Break. There will be two signs, one at each entrance, but will have the same copy.

NEW BUSINESS

Preserving Historic Places Conference (April 14-17)

Kate Voelker and Jennifer Johns are on scholarship. Christa Hill registered herself for the whole thing, Tom Morris for the whole thing, Dave Eisen for Wednesday only, and Jason Stoller for CAMP. Mike Bultinck registered through his employer.

Senior Night Out

The event is Monday, August 24 from 6-8pm. Alan Grzeskowiak registered us with the Parks Department. More discussion on what we should bring. Christa Hill suggested selling gym floor pieces. Kate Voelker suggested reducing the price. Alan will reach out to Cliff to find out how many are left.

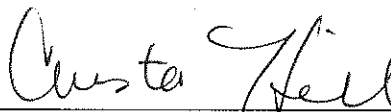
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.



Dave Eisen, Vice-Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary